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SUBJECT: TRANSCRIPT OF REMARKS MADE BY SECRETARY OF STATE
CYRUS P. VANCE TO EMPLOYEES OF UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN
MEXICO CITY ON MAY 4, 1978

QUOTE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, PAT. (AMBASSADOR PATRICK J.
LUCEY).

IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE AND TREAT FOR ME TO BE
ABLE TO BE HERE WITH YOU IN MEXICO CITY. THIS IS MY FIRST
VISIT TO MEXICO CITY AND I'M DELIGHTED I HAVE THE OPPOR-
TUNITY TO CONVEY TO YOU NOT ONLY ON MY OWN BEHALF, BUT
ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT, HIS THANKS AND MY THANKS FOR
ALL THAT EACH OF YOU IS DOING FOR OUR EMBASSY AND FOR THE
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

I BELIEVE THAT COUNTING THE EMBASSY AND THE NINE
CONSULATES, THIS IS THE LARGEST DIPLOMATIC MISSION THAT
WE HAVE IN THE WORLD. I THINK THE LARGE STAFF THAT WE
HAVE HERE IS EVIDENCE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MEXICO AND OF
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OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH MEXICO. THE EXCELLENCE OF THE
WORK WHICH I SEE IN THE CABLES COMING BACK TO ME AND THE
REPORTS THAT I RECEIVE FROM MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS,
BUSINESSMEN AND OTHERS, TESTIFIES TO THE EXCELLENT AND
INDEED SUPERIOR QUALITY OF THE WORK OF ALL OF YOU.

LET ME SAY THAT I AM ALSO AWARE OF THE FACT THAT I

BELIEVE THAT SIXTY PERCENT OF THE PERSONNEL OF THE MISSION ARE MEXICANS; THEY MAKE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION AND I WANT TO underscore my deep appreciation to each and every one of them for their help, and particularly in the help which they and the rest of you are giving to our common problems and to the assistance to American citizens who are coming in increasing numbers all the time to this country.

I know particularly what a tough job it is for the members of the consulate. I believe there are some two hundred thousand American citizens coming in and out, and the work that the consulate does is of fundamental importance, and I want to thank you particularly for all that you have done.

I wish that I had more time to be here but perhaps if I could, pat, in the time that's available, go among the group, shake a few hands and find out a little bit about each of them personally, I'd appreciate that very much. So, again, thank you very much from the bottom of my heart, on behalf of myself, all of my colleagues in the state department, and all of your fellow citizens at home. Many many thanks. End quote. Vance

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